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Agenda item 3

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE
TO THE CONFERENCE

Draft report of the Preparatory Committee

(Part I)

I. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

1. The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development held its fourth session at United Nations Headquarters from 2 March to 3 April 1992 (55th to ____ meetings). Two working groups, established by the Preparatory Committee at its organizational session, 1/ and the third working group, established by the Preparatory Committee at its second session, 2/ met in conjunction with the session of the Preparatory Committee; their reports are contained in annexes II, III and IV to the present report.

2. The first plenary meeting of the Preparatory Committee took place on 22 August 1991. Working Groups I and II began their work on 12 August and Working Group III on 19 August.

3. At the 55th plenary meeting, on 2 March, the Secretary-General addressed the Preparatory Committee.

4. Also at the 55th meeting, the Secretary-General of the Conference made a statement.

5. At the same meeting, statements were made by the Minister for Environment and Natural Resources of Portugal, the Secretary of State for the Environment of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Minister for the Environment of the Netherlands, the Minister for Tourism and Environment of Senegal, the Minister of Rural Development of Mauritania and the Minister of Environment of Côte d'Ivoire.

6. The representative of Pakistan made a statement on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

7. Statements were also made by the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Convention on Biological Diversity.

8. At the 56th meeting, on 3 March, the Governor of the State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, made a statement.

9. At the 57th meeting, on 6 March, the Vice Foreign Minister of China made a statement.

10. At the 59th meeting, on 16 March, a statement was made by the Minister of Agriculture and Environment of Guinea-Bissau, also on behalf of Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Mozambique, Portugal and Sao Tome and Principe.

11. At the 60th meeting, on 16 March, the Minister of Environment and Development of Gabon made a statement.

12. At the 61st meeting, on 18 March, statements were made by the Minister for Environment of Ireland and by the Secretary of State for Scientific Research of Algeria.

13. At the same meeting, the observer for the Environmental Liaison Centre International, a non-governmental organization, made a statement.

14. At the 63rd meeting, on 25 March, statements were made by the Minister of the Federal Committee for the Environment of Czechoslovakia, the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines, the Minister for Science, Technology and the Environment of Malaysia and the Minister for Environment and Natural Resources of Kenya.

15. At the 65th meeting, on 31 March, statements were made by the Minister of Tourism and Wildlife of Uganda and the Minister of Environment and Tourism of Zimbabwe.

A. Attendance

16. The following States were represented:

17. The following units and programmes of the United Nations Secretariat were represented:

18. The following specialized agencies were represented:

19. The following other intergovernmental organizations were represented:

20. The following non-governmental organizations were represented:

B. Agenda and organization of work

21. At its 55th meeting, on 2 March, the Preparatory Committee approved its agenda as contained in document A/CONF.151/PC/96. The agenda was as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

2. Preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on the basis of General Assembly resolution 44/228 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions:

   (a) Activities of the Conference secretariat;

   (b) Recent actions of intergovernmental and other bodies of relevance to the preparatory process;

   (c) Cross-sectoral issues;

   (d) Reports of the Working Groups.

3. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee to the Conference.

22. At the same meeting, the Bureau proposed the following amendments to the programme of work:

(a) There would be no night meetings;

(b) During the second week (9-14 March) and the third week (16-20 March), consideration of the "Poverty and sustainability" cluster would precede the consideration of the "Role of major groups" cluster.

23. The Preparatory Committee then adopted the programme of work, as orally revised.

24. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of Antigua and Barbuda.

C. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations

25. At its 55th, 61st and 64th meetings, on 2, 18 and 30 March, the Preparatory Committee approved the list of non-governmental organizations recommended for accreditation by the Secretary-General of the Conference, as contained in documents A/CONF.151/PC/L.28/Add.7-14.

D. Documentation

26. A list of the documentation before the Preparatory Committee at its fourth session is contained in annex ___ to the present report.

Notes

1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 48 (A/44/48 and Corr.1 and 2), chap. V.

2/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 48 (A/46/48), vol. I.